QUESTION FOR ANSWER ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

L. F.Dispensary for Pattanayakana halli of Gowdagere Hobli, Sira Taluk.

Q.—719. **Sri B. N. RAME GOWDA** (Sira).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether there are any representations from the people of Pattanayakanahalli of Gowdagere Hobli in Sira Taluk to start L. F. Dispensary in that village ;

(*b*) the stage at which the question stands at present ?

A.—**Sri T. CHANNIAH** (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question is pending for availability of suitable buildings for the dispensary and quarters to the staff, and the consent of the District Board to bear the proportionate expenditure.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

Regarding adverse effects of incidence of Sales-tax on Agricultural Produce.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Sri Mulka Govinda Reddy has tabled an adjournment motion. The motion reads like this :

"This House do now stand adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance and of recent occurrence to wit: the situation arising out of the non-disposal of agricultural produce especially groundnuts by the growers, after the introduction of the new system of sales-tax from first April, whereby the agriculturist is made to pay sales-tax on his own produce which has resulted in accumulation of huge stock in the Davanagere, Tumkur and Mysore Regulated Markets and thus causing hardship to the raiyats and bringing down normal trade."

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug).—Sir, after the introduction of the new system of Sales-tax in Mysore State from 1st April 1955, Government under the rule-making power have included a clause whereby the producer when he brings his produce, especially groundnuts to the market, he has been made to pay sales-tax.

An Hon'ble MEMBER.—Have you allowed the adjournment motion, Sir ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—No, No. I have not given my ruling. He is entitled to explain the motion.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Molakalmuru).—I have brought this to the notice of the Revenue Minister and he has assured me that proper instructions would be given and the rule would be changed.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Minister will reply later. I request the Hon'ble Member to wait for some time and then he can also throw in some weight.

***Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.**—Sir, the agriculturist has been made to pay tax on his produce. According to the Act, it is the first-purchaser that has to pay sales-tax. So, this rule is repugnant to the Act and this concerns the growers of groundnut in large quantities in Chitaldrug District, in Mysore District, in Tumkur District and other places. Hence this is a definite matter of urgent public importance. The Government under the rule-making power has made the agriculturists to pay the tax and according to the Act the purchaser and the mill-owner should have been made to pay this sales-tax to the Government. This is of recent occurrence because since the introduction of this new tax system from 1st April 1955, the stocks have been accumulated in the market yards at Davangere, Tumkur and Mysore.

Mr. SPEAKER.—That has been stated in your adjournment motion. If there are any additional arguments, you can advance them.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—For the last 11 days the stocks have not been disposed of and hence it is of urgent public importance and of recent occurrence. I, therefore, plead that it is admissible.

***Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.**—I want to say this much, Sir. This Act was passed very recently in order to see that